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	Change Request 14607

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)
R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The MAC is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This CR provides the Medicare contractors with instructions for downloading, testing, and implementation of the annual OTP update. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised January OTP payment files in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.

B. Policy: Section 2005 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act requires that the payment rates for OTPs be updated on an annual basis. All of the codes in the OTP file can be billed by specialty D5 (OTP). The OTP file will reflect all current allowable codes and reflect any newly added codes for 2027 dates of service. Codes deleted from the OTP list for 2027 dates of service have been removed from the 2027 OTP file.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
14607.1	Medicare contractors shall download the 2027 OTP payment file and/or data from the cloud service around November 1, 2026, or after. **Note:** The 2027 OTP payment mainframe file will be provided as a back-up to the data in the cloud service.	X	X							Hybrid Cloud Data Center (HCDC), PCS

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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	Note: For Part A, the FISS system will compare the mainframe files with the Cloud Data. **Note:** In the event of unexpected circumstances or issues, CMS will provide further instructions to the MACs and Data Centers via email to load the Mainframe Files.									
14607.1.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the 2027 OTP payment file and data in the cloud service is available for downloading, along with the mainframe file name, through an e-mail notification via the Part A and Part B Functional Workgroups as soon as the 2027 Physician Fee Schedule final rule goes on display (around November 1, 2026).									CMS, PCS
14607.1.2	Contractors shall post the following link on their websites as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days after receipt of the files: https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/opioid-treatment-program/billing-payment NOTE: This link to the CMS website contains information about billing and payment for OTPs, including links to the national and locality-adjusted fees.	X	X							
14607.2	In the event that corrections are required and a replacement 2027 OTP payment file is issued or data in the cloud is updated, contractors shall be prepared to retrieve up to three replacement OTP payment files from the CMS mainframe and/or three quarters of data from the cloud service.	X	X							Hybrid Cloud Data Center (HCDC), PCS
14607.2.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the replacement file and/or data in the cloud service is available for retrieval, along with the mainframe file name, through an e-mail notification via the Part A and Part B Functional									CMS, PCS

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	Workgroups.									
14607.2.2	Contractors shall be ready to implement any replacement files and/or updated data from the cloud service no later than the January 5, 2027 implementation date of this CR, unless otherwise directed by CMS. (NOTE: Replacement files shall not be issued under this CR too far into January, when claims are no longer routinely being held for the January Release. Any revisions after then will need separate instruction.)	X	X							CMS
14607.3	Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt of the file described in business requirement (BR) 14607.1 and BR 14607.2 when a replacement file is issued, via e-mail to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov, stating the name of the file received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price (ASP), etc.), and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, workload numbers, quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both).	X	X							PCS
14607.4	For claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2027, A/B MACs shall implement all applicable instructions, including those pertaining to the D5 specialty code, beneficiary coinsurance, and Place of Service code 58 to any new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes included on the OTP payment file, as outlined in CR 11353.		X							
14607.5	Contractors shall add new OTP HCPCS codes to any applicable PARMs.	X								

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

Impacted Contractors: None

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

VI. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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